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This section helps you to get your Pegasus up and running. It describes aspects of Pegasus operation which you will need to know no matter which language you are using.

If you have not got your Pegasus up and running yet, refer to Appendix One of this section.

At this point you should have a Menu on the Screen like this :-

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AAMBER Pegasus 6809
Your Name
Basic 1.2
Monitor 2.0
Select one of above:

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This is always the way the Pegasus powers up. It has scanned through memory and found what programs are present and written these into the menu. If your menu is different from that above it is likely you have different Eproms installed. (If you want to change eproms refer to Appendix 2 at the back of this section). Eproms are the integrated circuits on your board which have labels on them. They contain software such as the Monitor and Basic.

The Monitor Eprom must never be removed. Without it your Pegasus will not function. The other two Eprom sockets may have any of a wide range of languages; a list of some of these follows:

<u>Language</u>	<u>No. of Eproms</u>	
Basic	1 eprom)	
Forth	2 eproms)	
Pascal	2 eproms)	
Word Processor	1 eprom)	Appendix 2
Micro Assembler,		
Disassembler	1 eprom)	

An Eprom expansion board is available so that all languages can be installed at once. Otherwise you should install the language you wish to use - (refer to Appendix 2).

Any of the programs in your Menu can be activated by typing the first letter of the entry. The program once entered should reply with some form of prompt. The monitor will reply with a >, Basic with ready etc. A list of some of the available programs on eprom and some on cassette which will have Menu entries is given in Appendix 3.

Finally the REPEAT key on the Pegasus is not used. All keys which produce Ascii codes (i.e. all except ESC, BREAK, INVFLAG and RAWFLAG), have an automatic repeat feature. After being held down for approximately one half second the characters will appear repeatedly at the rate of 8 characters per second until the key is released.

Another feature of the Pegasus Keyboard is 2 - key rollover. This means that a key can be pressed before the previous one is released and is essential for fast typing.

Control Codes

The Pegasus Control Codes are invoked by holding the control key down and then typing one of the alphabetic characters. They have various functions which may not appear useful to you at this stage. Basic is again the best way of experimenting with what they do. Most of them are more useful in programs than for use by typing at the keyboard.

CTRL A	Set inverse video mode
CTRL B	Clear inverse video mode
CTRL C	Disable graphics display
CTRL D	Move cursor right
CTRL E	Move cursor Up
CTRL F	Turn cursor On
CTRL G	Enable Graphics Display
CTRL H	Same as BACK SPACE
CTRL I	Same as TAB
CTRL J	Same as LINEFEED
CTRL K	Set cursor position
CTRL L	Form Feed
CTRL M	Same as RETURN
CTRL N	Scroll Screen Up
CTRL O	Turn Cursor Off
CTRL P	Turn on Clock
CTRL Q	Turn off Clock
CTRL S	Move Cursor Left
CTRL T	Home Cursor
CTRL U	Clear Line
CTRL V	Scroll screen down
CTRL X	Move Cursor down
CTRL Y	Read Graphic Character
CTRL C	Program Graphics Character (not avail from keyboard)

PLUGGING INTO TELEVISION

1. Turn off television.
2. Remove aerial.
3. Replace with modulator connections.
4. Turn on television and turn to channel 3 or 4.
5. Turn on Pegasus.
6. Tune in television by the use of the fine tuner.
If this does not work, try channels 1 to 4 on the television in turn, adjusting first the television fine tuner then by the use of a small flat screwdriver through the hole in the modulator, the modulator tuning. BEWARE, THIS IS SENSITIVE.
7. Look for prompt. and menu.

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B BASIC

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8. To return to the Menu, hit the "Panic" button.

APPENDIX 3

CASSETTE RECORDERS

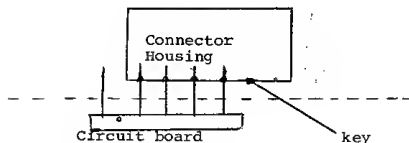
It has come to our attention that some cassette recorders invert the data put into them on record and playback. While this has no effect on programs recorded and played back on the SAME cassette recorder, it can cause problems when tapes are recorded on one machine and played back on another. In our experience this problem does not occur very often, but if it does, the following procedure should be adopted:

If a tape obtained from someone else (THAT HAS NO SECURITY) fails to load on another recorder at the normally good volume setting then you should:

1. Unplug the cassette lead from the Pegasus (and unplug 'MIC' from the recorder.
2. Reinsert it as shown below.
3. Try to load the tape again as normal.

Note: This will in no way improve cassette reliability or help with faulty tapes or recorders - it will only assist with the rare situation where the recorder inverts the data.

4. Once a correct load has been obtained the cassette lead must be replaced in its normal position and the program saved again on another tape. This new tape will then work with that recorder without problems. Save will not work unless the lead is in its normal position.



NOTE: Diagram shows cassette lead plugged in 'upside down and shifted two holes to the right.

MENU ALLOCATION

A	-	Assembler
B	-	BASIC
C	-	
D	-	Disassembler
E	-	
F	-	FORTH
G	-	Galaxy Battle
H	-	
I	-	Invaders
J	-	
K	-	
L	-	
M	-	Monitor
N	-	Network
O	-	
P	-	PASCAL
Q	-	
R	-	
S	-	
T	-	Tank
U	-	
V	-	
W	-	Word
X	-	Extended BASIC
Y	-	
Z	-	

**** THE MONITOR ****

When your Pegasus powers up, it has amongst its Menu items the "MONITOR". Only a small part of it becomes active when you type "M" and "enter" the monitor. Most of it is actually in constant use by your Pegasus. It is the heart that keeps your Pegasus beating. Some of the functions which the monitor performs are listed below:-

- 1) Display the Menu and jump to the program selected
- 2) Scan the keyboard and return Ascii codes to programs
- 3) Send characters to the screen, and look after the cursor and control codes
- 4) Perform Video Scanning
- 5) All cassette loading and saving routines
- 6) Graphics programming and reading
- 7) Monitor Commands (e.g. view and change memory)
- 8) Keeps System Clock
- 9) Clears all memory on power up and determines memory beginning address
- 10) Provides routines for outputting and inputting text strings and numbers
- 11) Vector interrupts through ram

You do not need to understand anything about the Monitor in order to use Pascal, Forth or Basic. However, if you are interested in microprocessors at the machine level or how your Pegasus works then the following will be of interest to you.

USER SUBROUTINES

There are several subroutines provided in the Monitor exclusively for use by the USER.-- Basic for instance uses the routines extensively, and any machine programs you write may use them too. In order that your programs (and ours) are compatible with any version of the monitor, all these routines have pointers to them. The pointers are always at a fixed location even if the routines themselves are not. To use the routines you should use indirect addressing, e.g. JSR (ECHO) which assembles to: (AD 9F F8 00). Appendix 1 contains a description of all such subroutines along with its respective pointer address. By far the biggest of these routines is ECHO. ECHO effectively simulates an output terminal with full cursor facilities, scrolling and many other functions. All the high level languages on the Pegasus use ECHO for output. The next section describes ECHO in more detail. Appendix 2 gives a summary of ECHO's control codes. ECHO's partner, so to speak, is the routine INPUT. By contrast it is very short but it is where the Pegasus spends a lot of its time, waiting for you to type a key.

THE USER SUBROUTINE ECHO

Due to the complexity of this subroutine a full section is devoted to its use. ECHO receives characters in the A accumulator and puts them on the screen at the current cursor location. The cursor is then moved one position. All Ascii characters between \$20 and \$7F and between \$A0 and \$FF are treated in this manner. If the Most significant bit is set the character will be displayed with inverted video unless the invert video flag INVERT is set. Characters between \$00 and \$1F and between \$80 and \$9F are control characters. They will perform a special function unless a flag called RAWMODE (see monitor system Ram - Appendix 7) is set when they will be displayed as Greek or special characters as per the table in Appendix 4. This makes all the shapes in the character generator ROM available for display through ECHO. However, the RAWMODE flag must be set and cleared directly by USER programs. A suitable way to do this in Basic for instance is to use POKE.

The control codes themselves are summarised in Appendix 2, along with their hexadecimal and decimal equivalents. Control A and B set and clear the invert video flag INVERT. The normal value of this flag is \$80. Control C and G take the Pegasus in and out of graphics mode. In other words the normal character generator ROM is substituted for a RAM character generator (if installed). Before this is done, however, it is necessary to program the RAM character generator with the desired character shapes using control [(ESC) See Graphics Section. The use of the ESC code here is not to be confused with the ESC button of the keyboard. When you type ESC at the keyboard it does not generate the ascii ESC code. It just halts ECHO internally. When ESC code is sent to the ECHO subroutine it causes ECHO to use the next 17 bytes sent to it for programming a graphics character.

Control D,E,S and X move the cursor right, up left and down respectively, while control F and O turn it on and off, by clearing or setting a system byte called cursoff. The cursor can be made non-flashing by storing \$01 into CURSOFF although no control code will do this.

Control H,J and M are equivalent to BACKSPACE, LINEFEED and RETURN respectively and all perform the expected function. There is no automatic Linefeed on carriage return. The tab character will advance the cursor 6 spaces although USER programs can process them in a more sophisticated manner if required, e.g. the Word Processor.

Control K followed by two further calls to ECHO will set the cursor position to the X and Y co-ordinates received.

Control L performs the form feed function and

Control T performs the cursor home function.

Control N and Control V can be used to scroll the screen up or down without affecting the cursor position.

Control U clears the line that the cursor is currently on.

All cursor movements past the left or right margin of the screen normally result in it re-appearing at the other margin on the next line above or below. This can be prevented by clearing the flag AUTOLN.

Finally, the two control codes P and Q can be used to turn on and off the display of the system clock.

THE SYSTEM MONITOR

Your Pegasus System Monitor resides in a 4K EPROM, starting at address \$F000. (See Memory Map.) The system assumes that a minimum of 1K of RAM exists, from \$BC00 to \$BFFF. In most Pegasis, there will be 4K, from \$B000 to \$BFFF. When the Pegasus first powers on, a memory test is done that will establish where the system's contiguous RAM resides - contiguous means that there are no gaps in it. (Please note that the Pegasus simply will not work unless there is a system monitor EPROM inserted correctly in its socket.) The beginning and end addresses of user RAM will be derived, and stored in RAM at locations MEMBEG (\$BDF2) and MEMEND (\$BDF4) respectively. The value in MEMEND will usually be \$BD9E, which is the normal end of user RAM (and also the system stack origin), while the value in MEMBEG will vary depending upon the amount of RAM installed, typically being \$B000.

VIDEO RAM AND STACK

There are 512 bytes (\$0200) reserved for the video display RAM, from \$BE00 to \$BFFF. Video RAM is organised as 16 lines of 32 characters each, where each character has 8 bits. The top left corner character position equates with \$BE00, while bottom right is \$BFFF. Characters in this RAM will be displayed on screen as their ASCII equivalents (unless graphics mode is operational), with the MSB indicating reverse video - if 1 (high), then characters will appear as normal, light on a dark background, while a 0 (low) here will cause the character to be inverted. You may modify video RAM directly under program control, but this is not recommended unless you know exactly what you are doing.

The system stack is a collection of bytes that starts at \$BD9F and grows downwards towards low memory. The stack is maintained by the stack pointer register, and is used for controlling program flow and subroutine linkage. The amount of memory used by the stack varies, but is typically less than 30 bytes. Note that monkeying with memory near the stack (.....\$BD9F) can cause your system to crash.

SYSTEM VARIABLES

There are 96 bytes permanently reserved for special use, occupying addresses from \$BDA0 to \$BDF inclusive. These are byte and word variables, that are used by the monitor for various housekeeping functions, many of which are available to the user. Some of these locations are byte flags, or booleans, and may be changed or tested by user programs, while others are reserved for system use, so that changing them could cause unpredictable results to occur. A summary of these variables can be found in Appendix 7.

The system monitor may be entered with 'M' for 'Monitor'. The prompt used for monitor commands is the greater-than symbol, '>'. A summary of monitor commands is given below:

G hhh

GO function - machine language programs may be executed simply by typing the desired starting address. If you wish execution to occur, type the '.' key; any other key typed will abort back to the monitor.

L hhhh

LOAD function - the load operation will read data from the cassette interface into RAM. The data loaded will be a contiguous region of memory, and the load start and end addresses will be displayed, along with the filename that was used when saving the file. A new load start address may be specified to relocate the file on loading.

V

VERIFY - this is similar to load except that data read from the cassette will not alter the appropriate locations in memory. This is useful for verifying that a program has SAVED or LOADED successfully.

M hhhh

MODIFY function - a memory address is specified, and the byte found there will be displayed. You may proceed to the next byte with the '.' key, and move to the previous byte with the ',' key. A new address may be specified by typing the 'M' key. At any stage, the byte at a RAM location may be changed, simply by entering a new, two digit hex value. If the location was not changed, then the contents of the location are redisplayed.

T hh mm ss

The time may be set using the TIME function. The time is measured in hours, minutes and seconds. Note that ver 1.2 has a 24 hour clock system.

S hhhh hhhh

SAVE - a block of data between the given start and end addresses will be saved on cassette tape. A filename may be specified. The screen will blank for the duration of the SAVE operation.

MENU Items

If you want programs which you have written and have in memory to appear in the Menu when you go back to it, the following convention should be used.

Starting on a 1K boundary assemble the following -

BRA CONT

FCB "Name to appear in Menu", \$00

FDB \$0000

CONT.

When the Pegasus writes the menu it searches all the 1K boundaries for a branch opcode followed by an offset of \$20 or less. A Message of up to 29 characters may follow. It must be terminated with three \$00 bytes.

Appendix 1

USER ACCESSIBLE PEGASUS SYSTEM MONITOR SUBROUTINES

The Aamber Pegasus System Monitor EPROM contains a number of machine language subroutines that may be found to be of use. Each routine is called via a table of addresses, using the 6809 indirect addressing mode. E.g. ECHO is called with AD 9F F8 00.

ECHO	\$F800 F53A ASCII character in A reg. is output to video display. All registers are preserved. Can be revector. See Appendix 7 under ECHOVEC.
INPUT	\$F802 F549 <i>F54D For Basic</i> Waits for key to be typed, returns ASCII value 0..7F in A reg. Character is not echoed. Can be revector. See Appendix 7 under INPUTVEC. All registers preserved except A,CC
INKEY	\$F804 F559 Scans keyboard for keystroke. If key found, it will be returned in A reg. with carry clear - if not found, then carry will be set and A will be undefined. Character not echoed. All registers preserved except A,CC
PROMPT	\$F806 F15C Re-entry point into machine language monitor
CASSOUT	\$F808 F8C4 Outputs data to cassette recorder with start and end addresses in locations START and FINISH. (See Appendix 7). Record button on recorder must be going. All registers preserved except A and B
CASSIN	\$F80A F9B3 Reads the next file from cassette tape, assuming that the play button has been pushed. Leaves load address of file in START and end address in FINISH - See Appendix 7. All registers preserved except A, B and CC
TRIMCASE	\$F80C F890 Character in A reg. is converted from lower case to upper case. Also, '.' becomes '<' and ',' becomes '>'. All registers preserved except A, CC
HEXOUT	\$F80E F8A5 Takes number in A reg., displays as two hex digits. All registers preserved except A,CC

HEXDIG \$F810 *FC4*
Takes digit 0..F in A reg; converts to ASCII
'O'..'F'. All registers preserved except A,CC

GETBYTE \$F812 *FC15*
Reads two hex digits from keyboard, echoing if
valid, returns 8 bit number in A reg. Carry set
if not valid. All registers preserved except
A,CC

GETLINE \$F814 *FC84*
Inputs line into buffer pointed to by X reg. on
entry. Buffer size given by A reg. Line termin-
ated with RETURN key (echoed as CR,LF pair).
Characters are echoed as they are typed, and may
be corrected with the BACK SPACE key. The control
-U function will clear the buffer. On return,
the A and X regs. are preserved, and B contains a
byte count of characters typed. The RETURN will
not be in buffer. All registers are preserved
except B and CC

TEXTOUT \$F816 *FC4C*
Output string pointed to by X reg, terminated with
nul (\$00). The X reg. is left pointing to the byte
after the nul. All registers are preserved except
A and CC.

GRAPHIX \$F818 *FC67*
See discussion of Pegasus graphics capabilities.
All registers preserved except X.

GETDIG \$F81A *FBF7*
Reads and echoes a decimal digit from keyboard,
returning in A reg, carry set if non-numeric digit
was typed. All register preserved except A,CC

GETNUM \$F81C *FBFD*
Reads and echoes decimal number range 00 to 99
from keyboard, returns in A reg. Non-numeric means
carry set. All registers preserved except A,B,CC

CONVERT \$F81E *FC6A*
Takes decimal number, range 00 to 99 in B reg.,
converts to two ASCII characters in the D reg.
(A and B regs.) All registers preserved except
A,B,CC

GETWORD \$F820 *FC3A*
Gets four hex digits from keyboard, echoing them.
Returns number in X reg. Carry set if non-hex
typed. All registers preserved except A,B,X,CC

RETMENU \$F822 *FOA0*
Entry point back to Menu selection mode in
Monitor

HEXTEST \$F824 *FCBD*
Tests ASCII char. in A reg. for range 'O' to
'F'. If not in range, returns with carry set,
else digit returns in A. All registers preserved
except A,CC

NEWLINE \$F826 *FE0F*
Causes cursor to move to start of next line. This
routine simply calls ECHO, firstly with CR then
with LF. All registers preserved except A,CC

FORMFD \$F828 *FE41*
Equivalent to control-L: clears the video screen.
Does not call ECHO. All registers preserved
except CC

DELIN \$F82A *FED3*
Clears line that cursor is on - same as control-U
Does not call ECHO. All registers preserved except
CC.

SPACER \$F82C *FC56*
Outputs one space to screen at current cursor
position. All registers preserved except CC

HOMEUP \$F82E *FC69*
Homes cursor to top left corner - same as control-T.
All registers preserved except CC

NUL \$F830 *FC A0*
Nul function - has no effect

LINEOUT \$F832 *FC49*
Similar to TEXTOUT, except that a NEWLINE is done
first.

MONITOR - USERS NOTE

The initialization done by the monitor at various times has been designed to allow easy recovery from crashed programs.

POWER UP - initializes everything and clears memory

RESET - initializes everything except MEMBEG, MEMEND and PC-REG

RETURN TO MENU OR ENTERING MONITORS - initializes only the system variables which control the keyboard and display. These are MSBINV, RAWFLAG, CAPSLOCK, KEYLOCK, RXREADY, ABORT (break) vector; INVERT, RAWMODE, CURSOFF, PAUSING, LINES, AUTOLN and clears graphics mode and clears the F interrupt mask bit. This gives a standard keyboard and display while leaving all your other variables, vectors and PIA's etc untouched. While Reset is the No. 1 tool for recovering from crashed programs, a separate NMI button is sometimes useful as a way of getting back to the Monitor prompt without initializing everything back. The NMI interrupt is vectored to take you straight into the monitor prompt. A prime example is when you have your own printer drivers installed in RAM and you have revectorized the printer routines.

If you do a reset it will change these vectors back to the centronics routines. Your routines would still be safe however because Reset does not change MEMBEG or MEMEND and the stack always starts at MEMEND (Version 2-3).

The NMI interrupt can be used for other purposes because it is vectored through RAM at location \$B002

Anytime you are in the monitor you can cause the reset initialization to run by typing "R"
cc3 pda

The printer routines can be used from programs as they have vectors pointing to them at \$F834 and \$F836. The first routine is the initialize printer routine and the second is the output character to printer routine. Both routines save all registers except CC. A carry set condition is returned if the printer is not ready.
cc3 pda

You may write your own printer drivers because these routines are vectored through RAM at locations \$BDC9 and \$BDCB. You may change \$BDC9 to point to your printer initializing routine and \$BDCB to point to your output character routine. Then you will be able to use all printer commands in XBASIC and those in ECHO for your own printer. Your routines must save all registers. The characters to be printed is in A and you should return a carry set condition if your printer is not ready.
cc3 pda

Appendix 2
ECHO CONTROL CODES

Hexadecimal value	Decimal value	Control character	Separate key	Meaning
00	0	@		Null
01	1	A		Set inverse video mode
02	2	B		Clear inverse video mode
03	3	C		Disable Graphics Display
04	4	D		Move cursor right
05	5	E		Move cursor up
06	6	F		Turn cursor on
07	7	G		Enable Graphics Display
08	8	H	BACK SPACE	Back Space
09	9	I	TAB	Horizontal Tab
0A	10	J	LINE FEED	Line Feed
0B	11	K		Set cursor position (followed by X and Y)
0C	12	L		Form feed (clear screen)
0D	13	M	RETURN	Return cursor to left margin
0E	14	N		Scroll screen up
0F	15	O		Turn cursor off
10	16	P		Turn on digital clock
11	17	Q		Turn off digital clock
12	18	R		No function
13	19	S		Move cursor left
14	20	T		Home cursor to top left
15	21	U		Clear line that cursor is on
16	22	V		Scroll screen down
17	23	W		No function
18	24	X		Move cursor down
19	25	Y		Read Graphic character
1B	27	[	ESCAPE	Program graphics character

APPENDIX 3

ASCII CHARACTER CODES

1968 ASCII American Standard Code for Information Interchange, Standard No. X3.4 -1968 of the American National Standards Institute

b ₆	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
b ₅	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
b ₄	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
b ₃ b ₂ b ₁ b ₀	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0 0 0 0	0	NUL	DLE	SP	0	@	P	p
0 0 0 1	1	SOH	DC1	!	1	A	Q	q
0 0 1 0	2	STX	DC2	"	2	B	R	r
0 0 1 1	3	ETX	DC3	#	3	C	S	s
0 1 0 0	4	EOT	DC4	\$	4	O	T	t
0 1 0 1	5	ENQ	NAK	%	5	E	U	e
0 1 1 0	6	ACK	SYN	&	6	F	V	f
0 1 1 1	7	BEL	ETB	'	7	G	W	g
1 0 0 0	8	BS	CAN	(	8	H	X	h
1 0 0 1	9	HT	EM	)	9	I	Y	i
1 0 1 0	A	LF	SUB	*	:	J	Z	j
1 0 1 1	8	VT	ESC	+	;	K	[	k
1 1 0 0	C	FF	FS	,	<	L	\	l
1 1 0 1	D	CR	GS	-	=	M	]	m
1 1 1 0	E	SO	RS	.	>	N	^	n
1 1 1 1	F	SI	US	/	?	O	_	o
								DEL

APPENDIX 4

FIGURE 10 - MICRASYL PATTERN

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
0	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111	120	121	130	131	140	141	150	151
1	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111	120	121	130	131	140	141	150	151
2	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111	120	121	130	131	140	141	150	151
3	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111	120	121	130	131	140	141	150	151
4	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111	120	121	130	131	140	141	150	151
5	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111	120	121	130	131	140	141	150	151
6	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111	120	121	130	131	140	141	150	151
7	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111	120	121	130	131	140	141	150	151
8	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111	120	121	130	131	140	141	150	151
9	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111	120	121	130	131	140	141	150	151
A	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111	120	121	130	131	140	141	150	151
B	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111	120	121	130	131	140	141	150	151
C	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111	120	121	130	131	140	141	150	151
D	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111	120	121	130	131	140	141	150	151
E	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111	120	121	130	131	140	141	150	151
F	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111	120	121	130	131	140	141	150	151

FIGURE 10 - MICRASYL PATTERN. The character values shown in this figure are for the MICRASYL pattern.

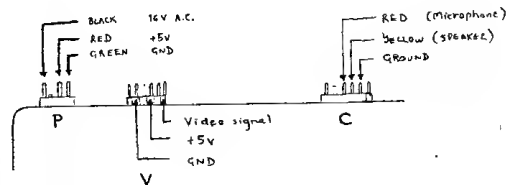
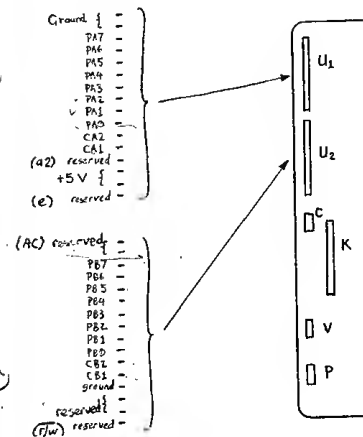
APPENDIX 5Memory Map for Amber Pegasus - June 1981

F000..FFFF	System Monitor, in EPROM Socket 1	
E818..EFFF	Reserved for future expansion	
E810	Port 4 General Purpose user interface	} Requires I/O Expansion Option
E808	Port 3 Digital Cassette interface	
E800	Port 2 Printer Port	
E400	Port 1 Calculator chip interface - on board PIA	
E600	Port 0 System PIA - reserved for use by Pegasus only	
E200	Programmable Character RAM - not directly addressable	
D000..DFFF	} Reserved for future expansion	
C000..CFFF		
BE00..BFFF	512 bytes for video RAM	} 4K on-board RAM
BDC0..BDFE	64 bytes for System Monitor variables	
B000..BDBF	Standard User RAM, stack = \$BDBF \$400 - \$BFF = TEXT, CHARACTER STORAGE	
A000..AFFF	} 36K of address space reserved for RAM expansion under DAT control	
9000..9FFF		
8000..8FFF		
7000..7FFF		
6000..6FFF		
5000..5FFF		
4000..4FFF		
3000..3FFF		
2000..2FFF		
1000..1FFF	EPROM Socket 2	
0000..0FFF	EPROM Socket 3	

Ram Expansion
5000 - 5FFF -
- 5K

APPENDIX 6USER P I A CONNECTIONS

(unmarked pins reserved for future use)



Appendix 7

SYSTEM MONITOR 2.0 RAM ALLOCATION

The Amber Pegasus Monitor reserves 96 bytes of Read/Write memory address range \$BDA0 to \$BDDF for system housekeeping functions. A summary of useful locations is given below.

\$BDC0 INBUFF

The keyboard uses the byte at this location as a single character buffer, before passing the character on to the input subroutines. Whenever a code is generated while the keyboard is enabled, then the character will be deposited in INBUFF, and the RXREADY flag will be set TRUE (non-zero). A sample routine to use the keyboard as an input device is given below:- This routine is taken straight out of the monitor.

INPUT	TST RXREADY	. Check the flag
	BEQ INPUT	. Loop if FALSE
	LDA INBUFF	. Get the character
	CLR RXREADY	. Clear flag for next use
	RTS	. End of subroutine

The keyboard input will not work if FIROs are disabled. If the character is not read from the buffer by the controlling program before the next key is typed, then it will write over the character that was there. Any ASCII character in INBUFF will be in the range \$00..\$7F. Characters with the MSB set will be implemented for special functions in later Monitor releases.

\$BDC1 TICKS

While FIROs (Fast Interrupt ReQuests) are enabled, an interrupt will be generated every 20 milliseconds, which will be used (among other things) for incrementing the bytes at TICKS. The byte will be cleared every 50 interrupts, providing a mains-derived 1 second clock.

\$BDC2 TOCKS

The byte is similar to TICKS, except that it varies from 0 to 255 in 20ms intervals, and is divided by powers of 2 to provide timing synchronisation for system housekeeping functions.

\$BDC3 SECONDS

Derived from TICKS, this byte varies from 0 to 59, and provides the seconds value for the system time, which may be set from the monitor using the 'T' function.

\$BDC4 MINUTES

This byte contains the minutes part of the system time, varying from 0 to 59 as the time proceeds.

\$BDC5 HOURS

This value changes every hour and forms a 24 hour clock that varies from 0 to 23, where 12.00 is midday.

\$BDC6 ~~00~~ PRINTER ON/OFF (02.0N)
Reserved

\$BCC7-8 POC

This value is always \$55CC. If it is not then a Reset will cause all of memory to be cleared.

\$BDC9-C ~~FFFF~~ FDI
Reserved
Printer VECTORS

\$BDCE-F

Program counter used by GO command

\$BDD0-3 ~~E400~~ FISC
Reserved NMI VECTOR

\$BDD4 INVERT

This byte defines the invert state of characters as they are output to the video screen. When this byte is zero, characters ECHOED will appear dark on a light background; when this byte contains \$80, they will appear light on a dark background. INVERT is cleared by the control-A code, and is set by control-B. Note that its normal state is with invert TRUE (\$80).

\$BDD5 CLOCK

This byte controls the digital clock display, which will appear at the upper right of the screen. The clock is turned on by typing control-P at the keyboard, while control-Q will turn it off.

\$BDD6 CURSOFF

When Minus (MSB set), the cursor is turned off. When zero the cursor is on (flashing) and when plus the cursor is on non flashing. Control 0 and Control F when echoed to the screen will turn the cursor off or on resp. Once turned on the cursor can be made non flashing by storing a \$01 in this byte. It is recommended that when updating the video RAM directly, the cursor should be turned off using the control-0 function, and then turned on again using control-0.

\$BDF4 MEMEND 0096

This location is used to store the logical end of the user's read/write memory. The system stack usually originates here. The value stored in MEMEND by the system is \$BDEF, but this value may be changed by user programs.

\$BDF6 ABORT 00A0

When the BREAK key on the keyboard is depressed, then the routine specified by the contents of this address is called as a subroutine. This is usually used in user programs to set a flag that tells the program to stop execution. The user routine must be very short and must not use direct addressing.

\$BDF8 LINES

The number of lines displayed on the screen is controlled by this byte, which must always be in the range of 0 to 16. Due to the nature of software scanned video generation, a reduction in the number of displayed lines will cause a significant increase in execution speed for all programs.

\$BDF9 XPOSIT

The horizontal cursor position is maintained in this byte, and should always be in the range of 0 to 31. It is preferred that any changes to XPOSIT or YPOSIT be made through use of the appropriate control codes, rather than through writing directly into them. If you want to write to them directly the cursor must be turned off while you do this.

\$BDFA YPOSIT

Vertical cursor position is stored here, which is a number in the range of 0 to 15.

\$BDFB Reserved for system 20

\$BDFC INPUT VECTOR 0540

The system keyboard input routine is vectored through this location, and may be re-vectored to a user routine. If these locations are corrupted, then the keyboard will stop working until an NMI occurs.

\$SBDE4 FINISH

These two bytes are reserved for storing the cassette file ending address, when saving or after loading

\$BDE6 RELOC

This flag specifies, when non-zero, that a file being loaded in is to be relocated to the address that is stored in START.

NB. PF Means relocation. 01 here means that a cassette verify is in effect.

\$BDE7 AUTOLN 00

When this flag is true, any sideways cursor movement from either edge of the screen will cause the cursor to move to the next line above or below.

\$BDE8 RAWFLAG

This flag is toggled by the left-hand unlabelled key. In the monitor this key is used in the GETLINE routine to put control codes into the buffer, and echo them as rawmode characters.

\$BDE9 Reserved for system 00

\$BDEA IRQVECTOR 0578

Whenever an IRQ is received from pin 3 on the 6809 microprocessor then program execution is vectored to the address stored at this location.

\$BDEC SW11 VECTOR 0576

The SW1 (SoftWare Interrupt) instruction will cause program execution to transfer to the address stored in these two bytes.

\$BDEE SW12 VECTOR 0574

The SW12 instruction will vector through here.

\$BDFO SW13 VECTOR 0572

The SW13 instruction will vector through here.

\$BDF2 MEMBEG

When the system is reset, a memory test (non-destructive) is executed that determines the beginning address of Read/Write memory. This address is placed here in MEMBEG.

\$BDD7 Reserved by system $\phi\phi$

\$BDD8 PAUSING

When TRUE, this byte will cause output to the screen to be suspended. This function is turned on and off using the ESC (escape key, ASCII 27), and is used for stopping print outs.

\$BDD9 RAWMODE

When non-zero, this byte will cause any control codes that are echoed to be printed as a special character, without executing the appropriate control function. This byte must be control directly as there are no control codes to turn it on or off.

\$BDDA REREADY

This flag indicates (when TRUE, or non-zero) that a character is ready in the INBUFF character buffer. This flag should be cleared after use.

\$BDDB to \$BDDDD Reserved for system use only.
010500

\$BDDE KEYLOCK

The keyboard may be locked out by setting this flag TRUE.

\$BDDF CAPSLOCK

This byte will invert the sense of the shift key for the letters A..Z on the keyboard, allowing upper or lower case to be used. This flag is toggled by the CAPS LOCK key towards the left side of the keyboard.

\$BDE0 Reserved by system $\phi\phi$

\$BDE1 MSBINV

This is a general purpose toggle flag that is set and reset by the unlabelled key at the extreme lower right of the ASCII keyboard. In the Monitor this key is used to invert the most significant bit of characters typed on the keyboard that are read using the GETLINE system subroutine - for instance, Tiny BASIC.

\$BDE2 START

Two bytes are reserved here for storing the starting address of files that are saved using the cassette. When files are loaded from cassette, then the starting address is placed here.

\$BDFE OUTPUT VECTOR 653E

The system output routine, ECHO, is vectored through this location, and can also be re-vectored if desired. This feature is used for things like outputting information to printers or other devices.

APPENDIX 9MONITOR 2.3PRINTER ROUTINES

Monitor 2.3 has printer routines which will drive a centronics parallel standard interface. Extended basic uses these routines directly.

The ECHO routine in the monitor can be configured to use these routines also. This means that you can record everything you do; make Tiny basic listings etc. Three control codes are used to set up this printing mode. Control J (hold both the control and shift keys down and press ²/₃) is used to enable the printer to print everything sent to ECHO as well as having it appear on the screen. Control ^ sets the printer mode on while disabling the normal screen display. Control _ (underbar) is used to revert back to normal output with printer off. All these codes may be typed in directly from the keyboard or can be sent from USER programs.

A BEGINNERS GUIDE TO

PEGASUS BASICINTRODUCTION

This book will teach you how to communicate with your Pegasus Computer. You will learn how to speak its language so that by giving it meaningful instructions you can make it do what you want it to do. That's all programming is, by the way.

There are many computer languages. Your Pegasus understands a language called PEGASUS BASIC which is a simplified form of BASIC (BASIC stands for Beginner's All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code).

BASIC is perhaps the best language for the beginning micro-computer programmer. It is easily learned (as you will soon see) and programs may be developed quickly. For the more experienced programmer BASIC can form the basis of a system whose sophistication may be indefinitely extended.

So let's get started. Get to know your Pegasus. It can do an infinite number of things for you.

Chapter 1GETTING STARTED

In this chapter we will introduce you to your Pegasus. You will learn how to use your keyboard and how to control the output display on your TV screen.

Connect your computer by referring to the appropriate section in your Computer Operation Manual.

Switch it on and you will be greeted by the following heading on your television screen:

AAMBER Pegasus 6809

Technosys Research Laboratories

Basic 1.0

Monitor 1.0

Select one of the above:

Press T and your Pegasus will be 'ready' to go.

Do you see the flashing light? This is called the cursor and it indicates to you where on the screen the characters you type in on the keyboard will be displayed.

Try it. Type the following exactly as shown below:

PRINT "HI, I'M YOUR PEGASUS COMPUTER"

When you reach the end of the line on the screen, keep on typing. The last part of the message will appear on the next line automatically. (Notice that the screen can display a maximum of 32 characters.)

Now check your line. Is it alright?

If you made a mistake, no problem. Simply press the BACK SPACE key and you will observe the last character you typed will disappear. Press again, and the next will disappear, and so on

This is what you should see on the screen:

Ready

```
PRINT "HI, I'M YOUR PEGASUS COMP
UTER"
```

Now press RETURN. This key tells the computer that you have finished the line. The computer then proceeds to execute it.

Your screen will then display:

Ready

```
PRINT "HI, I'M YOUR PEGASUS COMP
UTER"
```

```
HI, I'M YOUR PEGASUS COMPUTER
```

Ready

As you can see, the computer has obeyed your command and is 'Ready' for more.

Now type:

```
PRINT "2 * 2"
```

and press return. The computer obeys and prints your message:

```
2 * 2
```

How about some answers! Alright, try it without the quotation marks:

```
PRINT 2 * 2 (RETURN)
```

This time the computer prints something different - the answer to the expression $2 * 2$

Experiment further by typing the following:

```
PRINT 3+4 (RETURN)
```

```
PRINT "3+4" (RETURN)
```

```
PRINT "3+4 EQUALS", 3+4 (RETURN)
```

```
PRINT 8/2, "IS 8/2" (RETURN)
```

```
PRINT "6/2" (RETURN)
```

```
PRINT 6/2 (RETURN)
```

This demonstrates that the computer sees everything you type as either strings or numbers. If it is in quotation marks it is a string. If it is not in quotes, it is a number. The computer sees it exactly as it is. The number might be in the form of a numerical expression (e.g. $3+4$) in which case the computer reduces it to a single value.

By now it is likely that the computer has printed some unknown messages on your screen. If it hasn't, type the following, deliberately misspelling the word PRINT.

```
PRINT "HI" (RETURN)
```

The computer prints: ERROR #4

This indicates that the computer has detected a syntax error. You will have to type the line again properly.

There are other types of errors, too. Try:

```
PRINT 5/0 (RETURN)
```

The computer prints:

```
ERROR #8
```

This indicates an impossible division by zero command.

So whenever PEGASUS BASIC detects an error while executing a line it generates an error message. A listing of error numbers and their corresponding meanings is given in Appendix 1.

CHAPTER 2NUMBERS, VARIABLES AND EXPRESSIONS

Before we go on it is important that we understand the meanings of numbers, variables and expressions.

NUMBERS

PEGASUS BASIC is an integer BASIC, which means that all numbers in it have no fractional part, e.g. 3.7, 4.02 and 3.1415926 are not integers.

Besides this there are two operating modes - signed and unsigned. When you first switch the machine on the computer automatically goes into the signed mode. In this mode integers in the range of -32768 to 32767 are only allowed.

You can change to the unsigned mode by using the USIG statement.

Type: USIG (RETURN)

In this mode integers in the range 0 to 65535 only are allowed. To return to the signed mode use the SIG statement.

Type: SIG (RETURN)

If you input a number outside the allowed range, or the intermediate or final result to a calculation is outside the allowed range, then an error message will be returned.

VARIABLES

In PEGASUS BASIC a variable is represented by a single capital letter (A to Z) which directly corresponds to a location in the computer memory - we call this the name of the variable. The value of the variable is the number stored there.

For example, assign the variable A the value of 13 and the variable B the value of 7 by typing:

LET A = 13 (RETURN)
LET B = 7 (RETURN)

As LET is used very often in computer programs, the computer will understand you if you leave out the work 'LET' altogether. From now on that is what we will do.

OK. Now have the computer print out your numbers:

PRINT A, ",", B

Notice the use of commas in the print statement. Your computer will remember your assigned values for A and B as long as it is switched on, or until you decide to change them. Do this by typing:

A = 15 (RETURN)

Then, when you ask it to print A it will print 15.

EXPRESSIONS

An expression is a combination of one or more numbers, variables or functions joined by operators. You are probably most familiar with the following mathematical operators.

+ addition
- subtraction
* multiplication
/ division

Lets say that we want to divide the sum of 9 and 6 by 3. You might write this as:

9 + 6 / 3

Now try it on your computer.

Type: PRINT 9 + 6 / 3 (RETURN)

Is this the right answer to the problem? No, it isn't! This is because your computer has first worked out 6 divided by 3 (that's 2) and added this to 9 to give 11.

This demonstrates the way that the computer works out arithmetic problems. The computer looks first at the expression and does multiplication and division first. Then it does addition and subtraction.

So, to get the computer to solve the problem differently, you must use parentheses.

Type it as: PRINT (9 + 6) / 3 (RETURN)

That's better. The computer solves the expression in parentheses before doing anything else.

What will your computer print in answer to the following problems.

```
PRINT 12 - (6 - 4) / 2
PRINT 12 - 6 - 4 / 2
PRINT (12 - 6 - 4) / 2
PRINT (12 - 6) - 4 / 2
PRINT 12 - (6 - 4 / 2)
```

Check by typing them out.

Now see what happens if you type in:

```
PRINT (12 - (6 - 4)) / 2 (RETURN)
```

If the computer sees a problem with more than one set of parentheses it solves the inside parentheses first and moves to the outside parentheses. In other words, it does it like this:

$(12 - (6 - 4) / 2) \rightarrow 6 - 4 = 2$

$(12 - 2) / 2 \rightarrow 12 - 2 = 10$

$10 / 2 \rightarrow 10 / 2 = 5$

Can you imagine any problem with integer division? What is 13/5?

Try it: PRINT 13/5 (RETURN)

It gives 2 which is the whole number part of the result. If you want the remainder use the MOD operation.

Try it: PRINT 13 MOD 5

It gives 3. You can use MOD just like you use *, /, +, and -.

There are other classes of operators available in PEGASUS BASIC besides the mathematical operators - we'll look into these in later chapters.

As stated in the definition you can also include variables in expressions.

Try it by typing: PRINT A/3 + B (RETURN)

(Remember A was 15 and B was 7). This feature is particularly useful in programs that we shall soon see.

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Type: NEW (RETURN)

This is just to erase anything that might be in the computer memory.

Now type this line (don't forget the line number, 10):

```
10 PRINT "HI, I'M YOUR PEGASUS COMPUTER" (RETURN)
```

Nothing happened, did it? What you have done is to type your first program.

Next type: RUN (RETURN)

And now you have just run it. Type RUN again - and yes it runs again. Add another two lines to the program.

```
Type: 20 PRINT "GIVE ME A NUMBER" (RETURN)
      30 PRINT "AND I WILL DOUBLE IT" (RETURN)
```

Then type: LIST (RETURN)

Your computer obeys by listing the program. Your screen should look like this:

```
10 PRINT "HI, I'M YOUR PEGASUS CO
MPUTER"
```

```
20 PRINT "GIVE ME A NUMBER"
30 PRINT "AND I WILL DOUBLE IT"
```

Don't attempt to type in the number because your computer is not ready for it.

Add the line: 40 INPUT T (RETURN)

Add one more line: 50 PRINT "2 TIMES",T," IS ",2*T

Now list again, and your program should look like this:

```
10 PRINT "HI, I'M YOUR PEGASUS CO
MPUTER"
```

```
20 PRINT "GIVE ME A NUMBER"
30 PRINT "AND I WILL DOUBLE IT"
```

```
40 INPUT T
```

```
50 PRINT "2 TIMES",T," IS ",2*T
```

Now run it. The Input statement prompts you with a question mark. Type in a number (integers only, remember, which the computer will label T) and then (RETURN),

Didn't you do well! This is what you should have got (depending on the number, of course);

```
HI, I'M YOUR PEGASUS COMPUTER
GIVE ME A NUMBER
AND I WILL DOUBLE IT
? 9
2 TIME 9 IS 18
```

Run this program a few more times, inputting different numbers.

Now add another line.

Type: 60 GOTO 10 (RETURN)

And run it.....the program runs over and over again without stopping. That last GOTO statement tells the computer to go back to line 10. This is called a loop, and in this program it will cause it to run perpetually. However, you can get out of it by pressing the BREAK key, then any number and RETURN.

Change line 60 so that it goes to another line number. How do we change a program line? Simply by retyping it, using the same line number.

Type: 60 GOTO 50

Your program listing should then look like:

```
10 PRINT "HI, I'M YOUR PEGASUS CO
MPUTER"
```

```
20 PRINT "GIVE ME A NUMBER"
30 PRINT "AND I WILL DOUBLE IT"
```

```
40 INPUT T
```

```
50 PRINT "2 TIMES ",T," IS ",2*T
```

```
60 GOTO 50
```

Run it.....OK, press the BREAK key when you have seen enough. There is a more desirable way of getting out of the loop. Why not get the computer to politely ask if you want to end it?

Change line 60 as follows: 60 PRINT "DO YOU WANT IT DONE AGAIN?"

And add these lines: 70 R = INKEY : IF R = 0 GOTO 70
80 IF R = 89 GOTO 20

Then run the programtype your number... then type Y and the program loops back again. If you type anything else (e.g. 'N'), the program stops.

This is what the program looks like:

```
10 PRINT "HI, I'M YOUR PEGASUS CO
MPUTER"
20 PRINT "GIVE ME A NUMBER"
30 PRINT "AND I WILL DOUBLE IT"
40 INPUT T
50 PRINT "2 TIMES ",T," IS ",2*T
60 PRINT "DO YOU WANT IT DONE AGAIN?"
70 R = INKEY: IF R = 0 GOTO 70
80 IF R = 89 GOTO 20
```

What are these new lines? Line 60 is simply a printed question. Line 70 is in fact two lines, the two statements being separated by the colon ':'. The first part assigns the ASCII equivalent of the key depressed on the keyboard to the variable R. (ASCII is the American Standards Code for Information Interchange). If no key is pressed then R is assigned 0. The second part of the line tests for this condition and loops back to INKEY if it is true. However, as soon as a key is depressed it gets out of the loop and proceeds to the next line...

Line 80 tells the computer to go to Line 20, IF, (and only if) the Y key (That's ASCII 89) has been depressed. If not the program ends as there are no more lines after this.

This chapter has covered a lot of important concepts of PEGASUS BASIC. Don't worry if some of these things are not absolutely clear at this stage. Experiment with your computer, and above all, enjoy it.

CHAPTER 4

MORE PROGRAMMING

In this chapter we will practise using functions and statements in PEGASUS BASIC.

Type this: 10 FOR X = 1 TO 10

20 PRINT "X =", X

30 NEXT X

40 PRINT "FINISHED"

Run the program. See how it has printed X for X = 1 TO 10. Now replace line 10 with the following:

10 FOR X = 5 TO 8

And run again. Let's look at the program listing.

10 FOR X = 5 TO 8

20 PRINT "X =", X

30 NEXT X

40 PRINT "FINISHED"

It's clear that line 10 determines that starting and ending values of the variable X. Line 30 tells the computer to get the next number - the next X - and to jump back to the line following the FOR ... TO ... line. (i.e. line 20) until it reaches the last number. At this stage it goes straight on to execute the final statement. We can further investigate the path of program execution by using the TRON statement. Try it.

Type: TRON (RETURN)

Now run the program again. This statement has turned on a trace, which provides a line number listing for statements as they are executed. The trace should look like this:

```
<10>    <20>  X = 5
<30>    <20>  X = 6
<30>    <20>  X = 7
<30>    <20>  X = 8
<30>    <40>  FINISHED
```

See how the program keeps jumping from line 30 to line 20 until it eventually goes from line 30 to line 40 and stops. To turn the trace off, type: TROFF (RETURN)

If you like, run your program again to see if the race has gone.

An extra feature of the FOR...TO... statement is that you can specify the actual STEP size. Change line 10 to read:

```
10 FOR X = 2 TO 10 STEP 2
```

And run the program. See how X goes from 2 to 10 in steps of 2. Before, when we didn't specify the step size, it assumed STEP 1. What will happen if line 10 is replaced with:

```
10 FOR X = 3 TO STEP 3
```

Try it... and see that it loops back only for X 10

```
How about: 10 FOR X = 10 TO 1 STEP - 1
```

Yes, it counts backwards too.

Now try a new program - that's right, type NEW and (RETURN) - the type:

```
10 FOR X = 1 TO 3
20 PRINT "X =", X
30 FOR Y = 1 TO 2
40 PRINT "Y = ", Y
50 NEXT Y
60 NEXT X
```

Run it ... This is what you should get:

```
X = 1
Y = 1
Y = 2
X = 2
Y = 1
Y = 2
X = 3
Y = 1
Y = 2
```

Notice how it loops within another loop. Programmers call this a 'nested' loop.

Now for something completely different. Type in this new program:

```
10 S = RND /26
20 PRINT "GUESS THE NUMBER"
30 INPUT G
40 IF G = S THEN GOTO 70
```

```
50 PRINT "NO, TRY AGAIN"
```

```
60 GOTO 30
```

```
70 PRINT "YES, THAT'S IT"
```

And run it... guess numbers between 0 and 9 inclusive (the division by 26 in line 10 gives us this range).

The new statement type encountered here is the IF ... THEN conditional statement. The statement tests the expression G = 5 and IF false will skip immediately to the next line; but IF that statement is true THEN it executes the next statement GOTO 70.

This condition is often the result of a relational operation. In BASIC these are;

=	equal to	<>	not equal to
<	less than	>	greater than
<=	less than or equal to	>=	greater than or equal to

These are often combined with logical operators AND, OR, NOT to perform quite complex tests, here's an example:

```
600 IF A = 0 OR (C 127 AND D 0) GOTO 100
```

This will cause a branch to line 100 if A is equal to 0 or if both C is less than 127 and D is not equal to zero.

This type of expression essentially evaluates to 0 for false and -1 for true. Besides being used from true/false evaluation, logical operators can operate on binary numbers.

For example, type: PRINT 6 and 7 (RETURN)

This gives decimal 6 which is 0110 ANDed with 0111

So far we have been looking at relatively short programs. Before long you will be so proficient with your Pegasus that you will be writing quite long and complex programs.

We'll now look at some expressions which will help us keep things in order. Type and run the following program.

```
10 PRINT " EXECTING THE MAIN PROGRAM"
20 GOSUB 400
30 PRINT "NOW, BACK IN MAIN PROGRAM"
40 END
```

```
400 PRINT "EXECUTING THE SUBROUTINE"
```

```
410 RETURN
```

Line 20 tells the computer to go to the subroutine beginning at line 400. RETURN tells the computer to continue execution with the line following the GOSUB expression. The END expression is necessary to separate the main program from the subroutine.

Subroutines are written for operations that are frequently required. They result in economy of effort when it comes to writing programs.

One final point - you can use the REM statement to place remarks and comments throughout your program. Anything following the REM statement is ignored. These remarks are often placed at different points in a program, particularly at the beginning of subroutines, to explain how unclear or complicated sections of the program work.

Here is a final program that illustrates these points. Try it.

```
10 REM THIS PROGRAM RAISES A
20 REM NUMBER TO AN EXPONENT
30 INPUT "NUMBER"N
40 INPUT "EXPONENT"E
50 GOSUB 1000
60 PRINT:PRINT N, " EXPONENT ",E" IS ",A
70 END
80 REM -----//-----
1000 REM THIS SUBROUTINE DOES
1010 REM THE ACTUAL EXPONENTIATION
1015 IF E=0 THEN A=1:RETURN
1020 A=1
1030 FOR X=1 TO E
1040 A=A*N
1050 NEXT X
1070 RETURN
```

By now you should feel that you are in complete control of your Pegasus. Try writing some programs of your own.

Good luck, and have fun!

A GENTLE INTRODUCTION TO PEGASUS BASIC

The BASIC Language

BASIC is the most commonly used computer language in the world today. The word BASIC is an acronym, standing for Beginners All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code.

BASIC is a computer program that was originally developed at Dartmouth College in the U.S. as a means of teaching students the principles of computer fundamentals; as well as making it easier to write computer programs. BASIC itself is usually written in machine code assembler, although higher-level languages have been used.

Bells and Whistles

Hundreds of BASIC interpreters (i.e. programs that will accept and interpret a program written in BASIC) have been written since the first version, and each one is usually unique in its features and limitations. Theoretically anyone with enough knowledge and time can write a BASIC interpreter, although not many people so do. However, when they do, each likes to add a personal touch, in the form of special features, and this is known as adding Bells and Whistles. (We have not stinted in this tradition). Thus, although BASIC is common, there are many dialects.

Where Do I Start?

At the beginning, of course! We'll look at the idea that a computer program is like a recipe. For example, let's make a milkshake:

```
Fetch container
Fetch milk
Pour milk into container
Fetch flavoured powder
Add powder to milk in container
Pick up container
Shake!
Oops!
Put down container
Clean up mess
Put lid on container
Shake!
Take lid off
Drink milkshake
End of recipe
```

A trivial, almost useless, example. Each line or statement is a command or instruction (apart from 'Oops!' which is a comment or perhaps an invective). The statements were executed sequentially, starting from the top. Note that each statement leaves out a very great amount of detail - like what sort of container was used, where the milk came from, what flavoured powder was used, even whether it was enjoyed or not!

Computer programs are quite like this in their detail - a great deal is implicit or assumed. Computer programs are much simpler, however, in the actions that they describe, in that the tasks a computer performs are (usually) logical and straightforward - unlike the real world of gravity and spilt milk.

Using Numbers

BASIC, like many other computer languages, is designed to work with numbers. Usual operations in BASIC are addition, subtraction, multiplication and division (+, -, *, /). There are two ways that numbers are used in BASIC - constants and variables.

A constant has a value which it keeps for as long as the program runs. Typical constants are 7, 24, 0, -32768, 2000. Variables are symbols for memory cells that may contain numbers. In Pegasus BASIC we use the letters A through to Z to represent these variables. Thus we can refer to a variable in a computer program without having to know its value. When a computer program is first RUN, all variables, A to Z, will have a value of zero.

Number Size

Pegasus BASIC is an integer BASIC, which means that all numbers in it have no fractional part. E.g. 3.7, 4.02 and 3.1415926 are not integers. Further, the Pegasus has 16 bit signed two's complement and 16 bit unsigned numbers, which means that for signed numbers you are limited to -32768 to 32767, while unsigned integers have a range of 0 to 65535. Any outside this range will cause an error.

Number Representation

Numbers are stored internally in binary, but to make it easier for people to handle them, we have provided two forms of integer format: numbers may be output (printed) in decimal or hexadecimal (base 16). For instance, if variable A contains 19, then we can print the two forms thus:

```
PRINT A," ",HEX(A)
which will print out:
```

```
19 13
```

For inputting numbers, they must always be in decimal, but may be signed or unsigned. Hexadecimal numbers may be used directly in a program by preceeding them with a dollar sign (\$), e.g.:

```
PRING $13
will print:
```

```
19
```

on your television screen. Both signed and unsigned numbers may be used and may be selected with two statements, SIG and USIG, which stand for signed and unsigned. Signed numbers have a range of -32768 to +32767, while unsigned are in the range of 0 to 65535. Note that an unsigned number greater than 32767 will be printed as a negative number if the program switches back to the signed mode.

Arithmetic

In BASIC, arithmetic may be done with expressions. An expression is a group of tokens, each of which has a definite value associated with it, that is built up using a set of possible operators, and is solved as an algebraic expression that returns a single numeric value. Now that we have confused you, let's clear it up with some examples:

```
A*3+7*R
```

```
(3+Q)-(21/L+(8*I))
```

Note that the parentheses must match

```
2+2
```

```
1
```

yes, a number is an expression too

```
$4F OR 51
```

```
ABS(-R)
```

note the Boolean operator
functions are expressions too

A variable or constant by itself may also be considered an expression, and expressions may consist of other expressions, as long as they are logically organised, and the number of left and right parentheses match correctly. Unlike some BASICs, nearly any complexity of expressions can be used.

Operators

Constants, functions, variables and expressions may be related by operators to form a new expression. All the operators work with 16 bit integers, and return 16 bit integers as results.

+ simple addition
 - subtraction
 * multiplication
 / division
 MOD modulus, same as taking remainder after a division instead of the quotient.
 e.g. 7 MOD 6 yields 1.
 + unary plus, e.g. +7 by itself
 - unary minus, e.g. - 12
 NOT returns one's complement, e.g. NOT \$F012 returns \$0FED.
 AND logical AND, may also be used as Boolean connector
 OR logical OR, similar to AND

Note that expressions are no good unless you do something with them, using one of the statements available. The simplest statement to use is the assignment statement, LET. This is used for assigning values to variables, e.g.

LET Q=I+9 The '=' means 'is assigned'
 I=17*(8+T) MOD 15 The LET is optional
 I=I+1

The last statement is of particular interest since it illustrates how a variable is fetched, incremented, and then stored back in the same memory cell again. The '=' sign does not mean 'equals', but means is assigned the value of '. Note that 3=A or 3=7 are illegal and will give an error message. Spaces may be used freely in expressions, however, they may not be imbedded inside function or statement names.

A quick way of using your Pegasus for math is to use the PRINT statement in conjunction with an expression. Remember that the question mark, '?', is shorthand for PRINT. For instance, ? 7*8 gives 56. When expressions are evaluated, they are executed in an order defined by the operator precedence. This means that values that are conjoined by certain operators will be executed before others in an expression. The precedence order is as follows:

1st constants, variables
 2nd functions (includes special @ function)
 3rd unary - or +, NOT
 4th operators * / MOD AND
 5th operators + - OR

The order of evaluation may be changed by using parentheses. Some examples are given for your enjoyment:

3+4 * 2+5 resolves to 16
 (3+4) * (2+5) evaluates to 49

A special class of operator, the relational operator, is covered in the section on Booleans.

6th relational operators (lowest precedence)

Booleans

A Boolean expression is similar to an arithmetic expression, apart from the use of the relational operators. Any relation evaluates to 0 for false and non-zero for true. The most usual non-zero value found will be -1 (hex FFFF). The relational operators are:

= equality
 > greater than
 < less than
 >= greater than or equal to
 <= less than or equal to
 <> not equal to

Boolean expressions may be mixed with arithmetic expressions, leading to results like:

A=B+C+1

Boolean expressions may be used with the IF statement, e.g.

IF Q=7 THEN END
 IF T THEN GOTO L

Here, L is treated as an unsigned line number that the program will GOTO if T is non-zero.

Statements and the Editor

Program lines in BASIC are usually organised in a strictly sequential manner, using line numbers in the range of 1 to 65535. A program will consist of a series of lines, where each line consists of one or more statements (separated by the colon, ':') and is executed sequentially, except where a special statement will change the flow of program logic. Here is a sample program that will print out the integers between 1 and 10.

```

10 I=0 : REM I IS ASSIGNED A VALUE OF ZERO
20 I=I+1 : REM I IS INCREMENTED
30 PRINT I : REM PRINT OUT THE VALUE CONTAINED
   IN I
40 IF I=10 THEN STOP : REM STOP WHEN I REACHES
   10
50 GOTO 20
  
```


Follow the program through by hand, or better still, try it on your Pegasus. When typing the program in, terminate each line with the RETURN key, and correct any typing mistakes by using the BACK SPACE key. If you notice a mistake on a line that you have already left, simply re-type the correct version (with the same line number) and the old line will be automatically replaced. To remove a line entirely type the line number by itself, followed by the RETURN key.

Experiment with your own programs to print out different sorts of number sequences, until you are fully satisfied with the material covered so far. If you have trouble stopping a program once you have started it, tap the break key.

Summary of Statements

PRINT

expressions, string constants

This statement will evaluate and print results of expressions, as well as printing string constants.

A string constant is a collection of characters delimited by double quotes, e.g.

"FRED NURKE WAS HERE"

"THAT'S all FOLKS"

Expressions will be evaluated, and the results printed, with no leading or trailing spaces. String constants and expressions MUST be separated by commas. Upon completion of the print statement, the cursor will move to the beginning of the next line, unless the PRINT statement is terminated with a comma. The cursor may be positioned to anywhere on the screen at any stage in the PRINT by using the form [x,y]. For example, PRINT [10,2], "HELLO", will move the cursor to column 10, line 2, and print "HELLO", leaving the cursor immediately after the 'O'. The vertical position 'y' is optional, but if it is included then it must be separated from the 'x' column position by a comma. There are three functions that may only be used with the PRINT statement, since all of them produce some sort of output, without returning a value. These output functions are detailed below:

CHR (expression)

This will output the ASCII character that is represented by the result of the expression. The result is forced into the range of 0 to 255 (decimal), or \$00 to \$FF (hex). If the number is greater than 127, then the character will be inverted. Note that characters in the range of 0 to 31 and 128 to 159 will not print, but will cause one of the control functions to be executed.

HEX (expression)

The expression is evaluated, range 0 to 255, and the appropriate hex number is output, range \$00 to \$FF.

RAW (expression)

This function is very similar to CHR, except that values in the range of 0 to 31 and 128 to 159 will have a special character output, without executing the appropriate control function.

Note that all functions that require an expression in brackets, must not have a space before the left parentheses. (The RAW function is associated with the RAWON and RAWOFF statements, covered later in this document.) Examples of their use are given below, for you to try on your Pegasus.

```
PRINT "Print a hex number:",HEX(19), CHR(10),
      RAW(0)
PRINT CHR($46),CHR($52),RAW($45),CHR($44)
PRINT "There are ",Q," beans in the box."
PRINT CHR(12) : REM Clear screen
PRINT RAW(12) : REM Output Greek letter 'nu'
```

LIST

starting line, ending line
Program lines may be listed out, either as individual lines, subranges of lines, or the entire program. The expressions are both optional, and are unsigned numbers always. If a line is specified that is not in the program, then the nearest one to it will be used. This is the only case in which such leniency is tolerated. If you try to force BASIC to use the 'nearest' line number in other statements, then a small quantity of plastic explosives attached to your Pegasus will be detonated, removing your typing fingers.
YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.

Note that the starting and ending lines may be expressions, and the LIST statement may be part of a BASIC program.

RUN

expression

The RUN statement will initialize all variables, then start program execution at the line number specified. If no number is specified, the program will start at the beginning.

INPUT

"string constant" input list

This statement, unlike many others, can only be executed with a line number as part of a program. Its purpose is to request numbers from the user for input to the program. The string constant (if specified) will be printed out as a prompt to the user before input is requested, and must not be followed by a comma. When each input expression (yes, expressions can be input) is typed, it must be terminated with a RETURN key. Only one string constant may be specified, and if used it must be immediately after the INPUT.

FOR variable = start value TO end value STEP step-size. This is the standard BASIC looping statement. This will cause all statements between the FOR and its appropriate NEXT to be executed repeatedly until the variable's value reaches or exceeds the end value. Note that the step size may be positive or negative. If the step is not given, it will default to one.

NEXT variable name
Terminating statement for FOR loops.

GOTO expression
The expression will be evaluated to an unsigned 16 bit integer, and if a line is found with a matching line number, then that line will be executed next.

GOSUB expression
The expression will be evaluated, and the subroutine which starts with the matching line number will be called, returning to after the GOSUB statement when it reaches and executes the RETURN statement. GOSUBS may be nested to any depth, depending upon free ram space for the stack.

RETURN
This statement indicates the logical end of a BASIC subroutine.

EXIT
The EXIT statement will return you back to the Pegasus Menu selection mode.

NEW
This statement will zero all variables, as well as deleting all program lines.

STOP
The STOP statement will cause program execution to terminate, returning to the line edit mode. Execution may be continued with the CONT statement, as long as the program has not been changed. Any other immediate mode statement may be executed however.

END
The END is similar to the STOP statement, except that the CONT statement will not continue program execution after an END

CONT
The CONT will cause program execution to continue, as defined by the STOP and END statements.

REM
Any user remarks may appear after this statement, since they will be ignored by the BASIC interpreter. The REMark is terminated by the end of line or a colon.

LET
variable name = expression
The assignment operation assigns the value of an expression to the named variable. Only variables and the special function '@' may be used on the left side of the '=' sign.

IF

expression THEN statement or expression
The IF statement will evaluate the first expression, and if it is zero, then the remainder of the statement will be skipped, going to the next line. Upon a true state, then the part after the THEN will be executed if it is a statement, or if it is an expression, then it will be evaluated, and a GOTO will be executed.

TRON

This statement will bring the trace mode into effect, whereby each line number will be printed out as the line is executed, following the flow of program execution as the RUN proceeds.

TROFF

This statement will turn the trace mode off.

SIG

This forces the system to accept and print only signed numbers, in the range of -32768 to +32767. A point to note here is this example:
PRINT HEX(\$B010/256) will yield B1, instead of the expected value of B0. This is because although the hex number is unsigned, SIGNED mode is in effect, and must be disabled using USIG before the correct result may be achieved.

USIG

The system can accept unsigned integers, in the range of 0 to 65535, for input, output, and arithmetic expressions. Note that this mode is checked when determining whether the result of an expression is outside its range.

SAVE

BASIC programs are saved on cassette tape, with a filename that you may specify (8 characters only). The BLUE tagged lead goes into the MIC jack, while the YELLOW lead goes into the EAR jack.

LOAD

Previously SAVED programs may be loaded from cassette tape. The filename and load area will be printed.

POKE

expression , expression
The first value resolves as an unsigned 16 bit address, which gives the location to poke the second value into.

LINES

expression
This statement controls the number of lines displayed on the screen. The expression must resolve to a number in the range of 1 to 16, or an error will stop execution of the program. Reducing the number of lines displayed has the result of speeding up program execution proportionally.

RAWON

This statement will turn on the RAWMODE flag. This means that any control code that is echoed to the screen through the normal PRINT routine, or through typing in lines, will cause a special character from the character generator ROM to be printed, without executing the control function.

RAWOFF

Turns RAWMODE off.

CLS

This statement, when executed, will clear the video display screen, and move the cursor to the top left hand corner.

BASIC Functions

Pegasus BASIC has a number of functions, each of which may be used in expressions, (apart from the ones specified in the PRINT statement description). Note that there must be no spaces between the function name and the left parenthesis.

ABS(expression)

Takes absolute value of the argument.

PEEK(expression)

Returns byte at address given by expression.

FREE

Returns number of free bytes available in system RAM.

RND

Returns pseudo-random number in the range 0 to 255.

USR(expression)

Calls a machine language routine subroutine in memory at the address specified by the expression - the function value returned reflects the state of the X register, and may be data or an address pointing at more data.

@(expression)

Special function that implements a one dimensional integer array that utilises all available RAM space. The function may be used anywhere that a variable name is used, including in assignment statements. Unlike variables, the @ array is not cleared by the NEW statement. The array index is

unsigned, starts at zero, and its size
is FREE/2-1

INKEY

This function will scan the keyboard to see if a key has been pressed - if one has, then its ASCII value in the range of 1 to 127 will be returned, else if no key has been pressed then zero will be returned.

Information for Experts

The variables, since they are in fixed locations in RAM, (in the 4K system only), can be accessed by machine code subroutines by referencing directly their addresses. There are 26 variables, and they start at \$B03C.

Nearly all tokens in BASIC have a shorthand form, for instances, '?' means PRINT, and 'e' means PEEK(. Try finding out what the rest are - this information will be published in the newsletter.

When a program is executing on the Pegasus, it may be stopped in its tracks by using the BREAK key on the keyboard. This is functionally equivalent to the program encountering a STOP statement.

Output that is being sent to the screen may be paused by use of the ESCAPE key, on the upper left of the keyboard. Tapping once will stop, tapping again will start.

If inverse video characters are required inside strings, they may be effected by tapping the blank key on the extreme lower right of the keyboard. Tapping the key again will remove the inverted state. Note that only characters inside double quotes will remain inverted. Inverted characters may also be generated by setting the most significant bit of the byte for the ASCII character (ASCII equivalent greater than 128).

RAWMODE may be set and resent by tapping the blank key on lower right of keyboard, second one in. When in effect, any control characters typed will appear as a special printing character, without the appropriate control function being executed.

Note that the RETURN key, being a control code, will not work as it should until the RAWMODE flag is turned off by tapping the second blank key again. This feature allows you to insert control codes into strings, and then the output of those control codes as characters or functions may be governed by use of the BASIC statements RAWON and RAWOFF.

BASIC may be re-entered from the monitor after using the PANIC button by jumping to \$0B offset from its start.

$\begin{matrix} 143 \\ 0E \end{matrix}$
(00E)

Basic Error Numbers and Messages

Whenever a syntax or eduction error occurs, then an error number will be printed out, each number matching to one of the error messages given below:

- (1) Out of Memory
This means that there is insufficient RAM space between the program end and the stack to perform the last operation.
- (2) Invalid Line Number
A line number was specified that either does not exist, or is illegal
- (3) Next Without For
A NEXT statement was found without the appropriate FOR statement
- (4) Syntax Error
This is a general error that occurs whenever there is incorrect syntax in a program line
- (5) Return Without Gosub
A RETURN statement was executed, but the system did not find a GOSUB to return to
- (6) Immediate Mode Illegal
A statement was executed in immediate mode that is illegal for that mode
- (7) Overflow Error
The results of an arithmetic operation exceed the current range specified

- (8) Divide by Zero
An attempt was made to divide a number
by zero.
- (9) Screen length Error
The LINES statement must have an argument
in the range of 1 to 16 only.

BASIC STRING INPUT/OUTPUT

Subroutine 1000 stores a string of 32 characters beginning at \$B800 + 32 * N, where N is an integer from 0 to 31 if 1K of RAM is used from \$B800 to \$BBFF.

Line 1020 I is the memory location for string
 element of string number N

Line 1030 Inkey checks for a key pressed

Line 1040 backspaces and deletes previous character
 from RAM

Line 1050 returns from subroutine

Line 1060 prints the character and stores it in
 location S + I

Line 1070 puts a null at the end of the string

Subroutine 2000 outputs the string for a given N

Line 2010 -PEEK's the element of the string

 2020 -checks for the end null

 2030 -prints the string element and increment
 S for the next one.

To input or output a string, specify the string number and then use the appropriate subroutine. The input routine will wait for keyboard input, ending with a RETURN.

```
10 REM SAMPLE STRING I/O
20 REM FOR BASIC
30
50 REM INPUT STRING
100 N=1:GOSUB1000:END
150 REM OUTPUT STRING
200 N=1:GOSUB2000:END
500
1000 REM STRING INPUT
1020 I=$B800+32*N:S=1
1030 K=INKEY:IF K=0 THEN 1030
1040 IF K=8 THEN PRINTCHR(8),:S=S-1:POKE(S+I),0:GOTO1030
1050 IF K=13 THEN RETURN
1060 PRINTCHR(K),:POKE(S+I),K:IF S<33 THEN S=S+1:GOTO1030
1070 POKE(S+I),0:RETURN
1100
2000 REM STRING OUTPUT
2010 I=$B800+32*N:FOR S=1 TO 32:C=PEEK(S+I)
2020 IF C=0 THEN S=32:NEXT S:RETURN
2030 PRINTCHR(C),:NEXT S:RETURN
9999 END
```

THEORY OF OPERATION - TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Page numbers refer to the circuit diagrams.

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An AC supply of between 6 and 15 volts is rectified and clamped to between 0 and 5 volts by the diode resistor combination. The 74LS14 Schmitt inverter provides rectangular pulses from this at 50Hz.

A falling edge then triggers both halves of a 74LS123 monostable producing a 1ms low going vsync pulse from one and a 2ms low going pulse from the other. These pulses are synchronized to hsync by one half of the 74LS74 ensuring that vsync and hsync are locked together. The rising edge of this second pulse clocks the other half of the 74LS74 to produce an active high output delayed by 1ms from the termination of vsync. This in turn is gated with hsync by a 74LS32 OR gate to produce irq interrupt pulses to the processor once every hsync pulse while the output of the 74LS74 remains high. This is cleared under software control at the completion of each video frame via the clr bit of the 6821 PI.

The hsync pulse is derived from the master microprocessor clock (e) which is divided by 64 by two 74LS93 counters. Their outputs are gated by a 74LS21 and 74LS00 to produce an 8us hsync pulse every 64us as required for video synchronization.

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The 6809 microprocessor has a 4MHz crystal providing a master clock (e) of 1MHz. Reset is accomplished at power on by an RC delay network and two 74LS14 Schmitt inverters. The non-maskable interrupt is utilized as an abort feature by coupling it to the on board PANIC push button. This button is debounced by an RC network and two more Schmitt inverters.

The main address and data buses are buffered by a 74LS245 and two 74LS241's to provide expansion capability via the SS-50 bus edge connector.

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The system chip selects are provided by three 74LS139's and some additional gating. Initially the top two address lines, a14 and a15 are decoded into four 16k blocks which are further decoded by the other gates. The bottom 16k block is decoded by another half of a 74LS139 and a12 and a13 to provide four 4k blocks. The bottom two of these (rom2 and rom3) may be used for two optional roms (see memory map). Note that the position of these two roms is selectable by jumpers on board.

The top 16k block is further decoded by half a 74LS139 and a12 and a13 to provide 4k block selects for rom1, rom2, and rom3. Rom1 is the system monitor rom and occupies the top 4k of the memory map, rom2 and rom3 are the optional roms described above. The middle 4k of this 16k block is used for I/O operations and is further divided by another half 74LS139 to give chip selects for pia1, pia2 and char ram.

Note that these only occupy half of the 4k I/O block, the other half being reserved for I/O on additional boards. The next 16k block down is only partially utilized. The top 4k of it is decoded by half a 74LS139 to give four chip selects for ram1 through ram4 (1k each). These are the onboard ram chips, and the upper half of ram1 is used for video character storage. The rest of the circuitry, the 74LS21, 74LS08 and 74LS00 are used to provide a sel strobe when none of the onboard devices are selected.

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Rom1, rom2, and rom3 select 2532 EPROMS as described above. The 6821 PIA is dedicated to system usage. Its lines are used to control the keyboard, cassette and video circuitry. Eight lines of port A are used for two purposes. During video scan they control which row of each character is being displayed and during keyboard scan they set up which row of the key matrix is being scanned. The remaining two lines of port A are used for the cassette interface. One provides serial data out via an RC network to the recorders microphone input and the other receives data in from the recorders earphone output. This data is first clipped by diodes and then squared by the 74LS14 and 74LS04.

Three lines of port B are used to provide the video control signals page, char and blank. A fourth control pulse, clr, is provided by the pia's handshaking output. The remaining four port B data lines are configured as inputs from the keyboard columns. These are also fed to the 74LS20 so that any

low transition (keypressed) will result in a pia handshaking interrupt.

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The second (optional) pia is completely available to the user and all port lines are brought out to an edge connector. The expandable on board ram consists of six 2114's selected by ram2 through ram4.

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The 74LS20 and the 74LS08 gating provides a select pulse to the 2114 ram chips if one of three conditions is met. Firstly if page is low (signifying an access to the character generator ram), secondly in ram1 is low (signifying a normal processor ram access) and thirdly if any access to (F600 - F7FF)₁₆ occurs (signifying a video scan cycle). The read/write to this ram is organized so that only reads occur during page access via the 74LS00 gating (see software theory of operation). The 74LS245 gates the ram1 access in the normal fashion. During video access data from the ram is fed to the programmable character generator ram and the rom character generator (66710). These provide the necessary video data and character row selects are derived from the pia as previously described, On the programmable character ram, bit seven of the input data selects between the ram chips (via a 74LS86) and the r/w is

gated via a 74LS32 so that it is always high (read) except for when the char ram select is active.

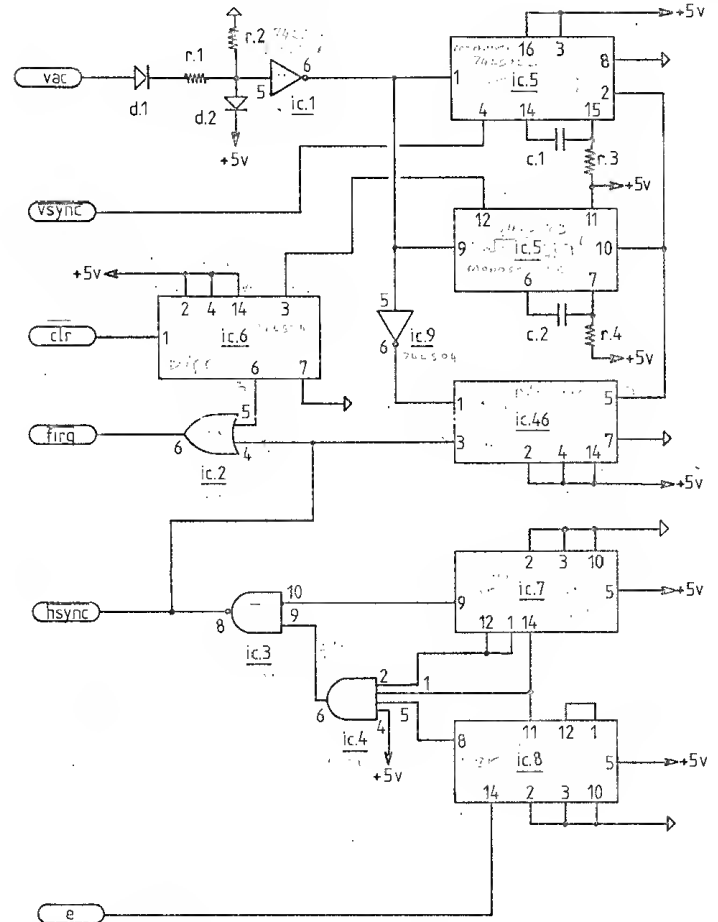
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The outputs from the two character generators are selected by the char line from the pia via two 74LS157 multiplexers. The selected output (char rom if char is low, char ram if char is high) is then loaded into a 74LS165 shift register. The clock timing for the shift register is generated by the 74LS04 and the series of RC networks, synchronized to the master clock (e). The 74LS245 data buffer provides microprocessor access to the programmable character generator ram.

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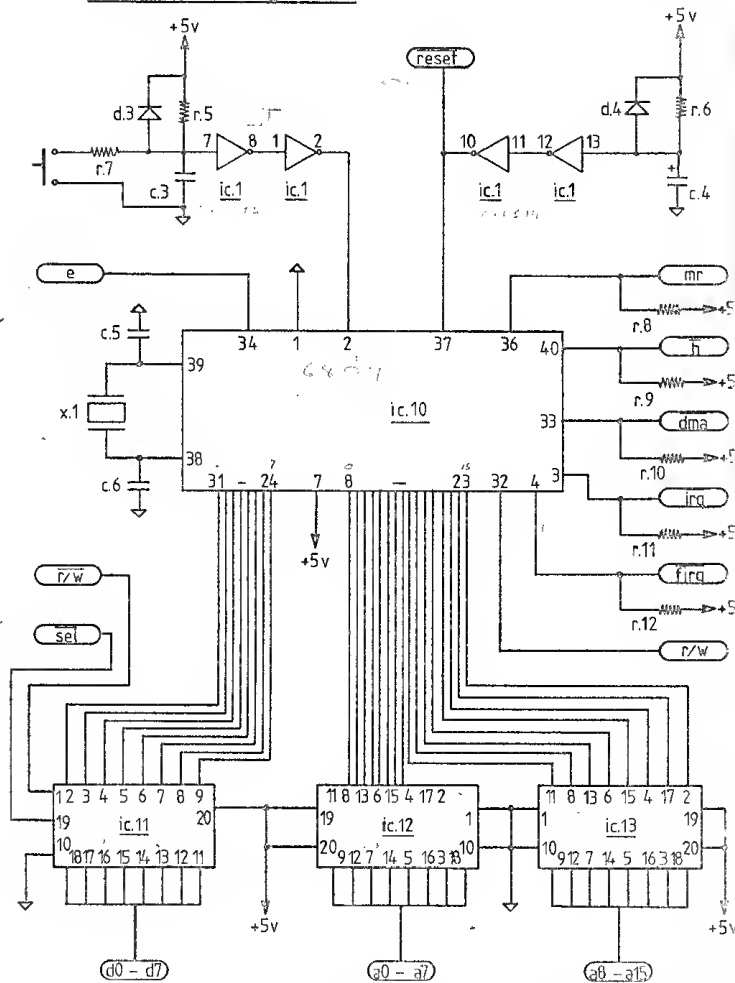
The 74LS157 multiplexes the eight columns of the keyboard (each with a pullup resistor) to four lines fed to the key inputs of the system pia. This is controlled by the pia's asc line. The most significant data bit from the video ram is fed to half the 74LS74 which is clocked by the shift register load pulse. This synchronizes it with each new byte of video data. The output from this flip flop is then used to selectively invert video data via a 74LS86. This provides individual polarity control of the on screen characters.

Another 74LS32 is used to control blanking of video data via the blank signal from the system pia. Video data and sync are combined by a 4066 to produce composite video output.



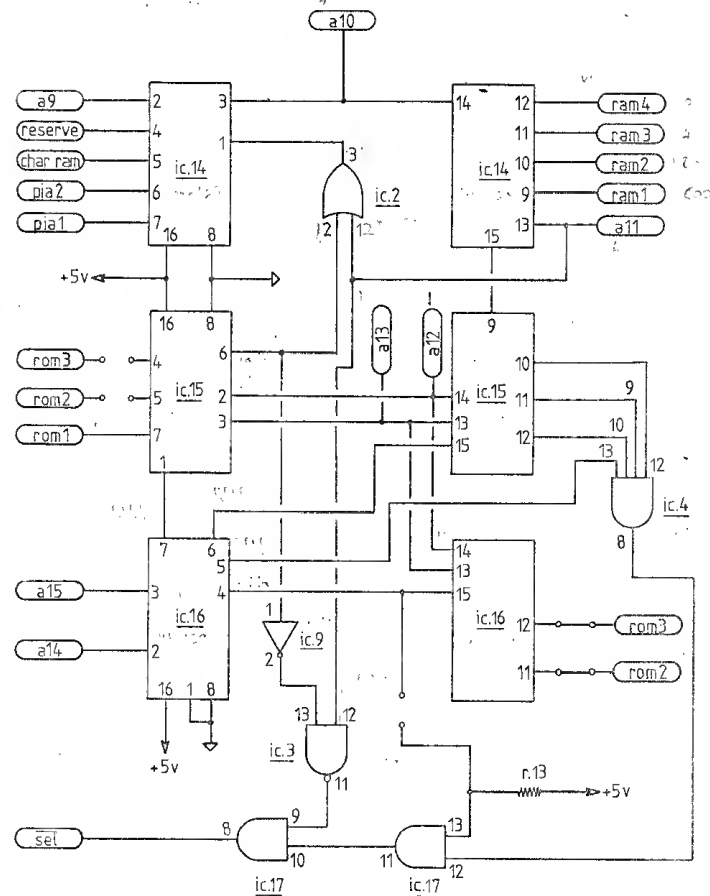
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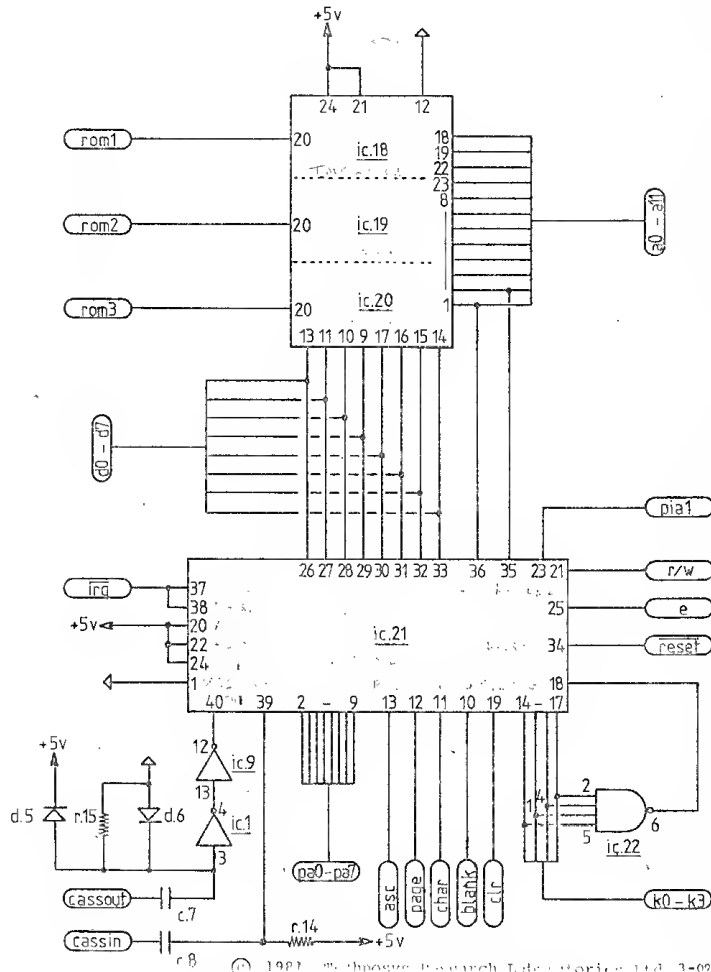
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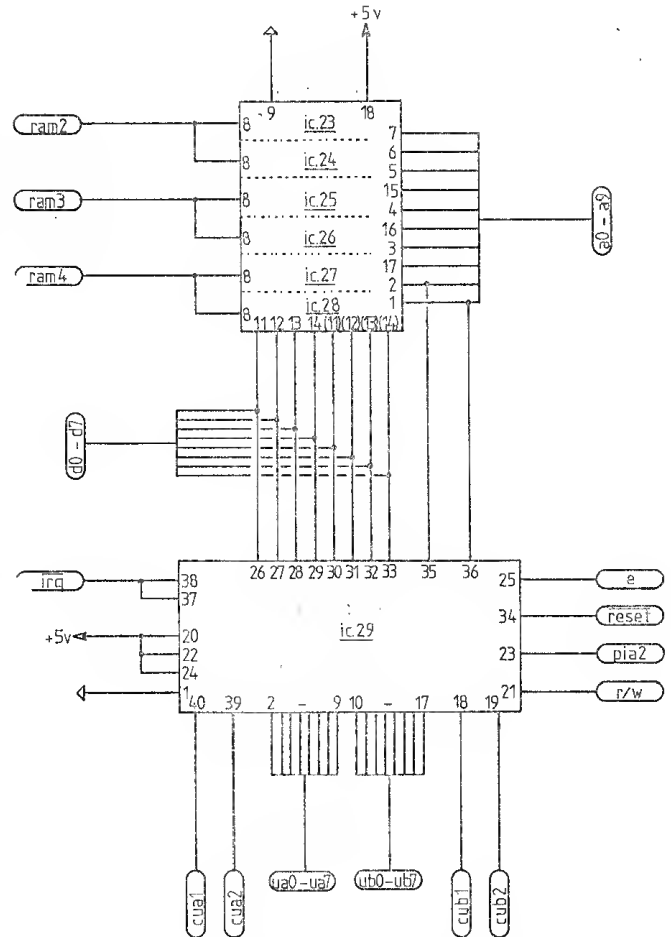
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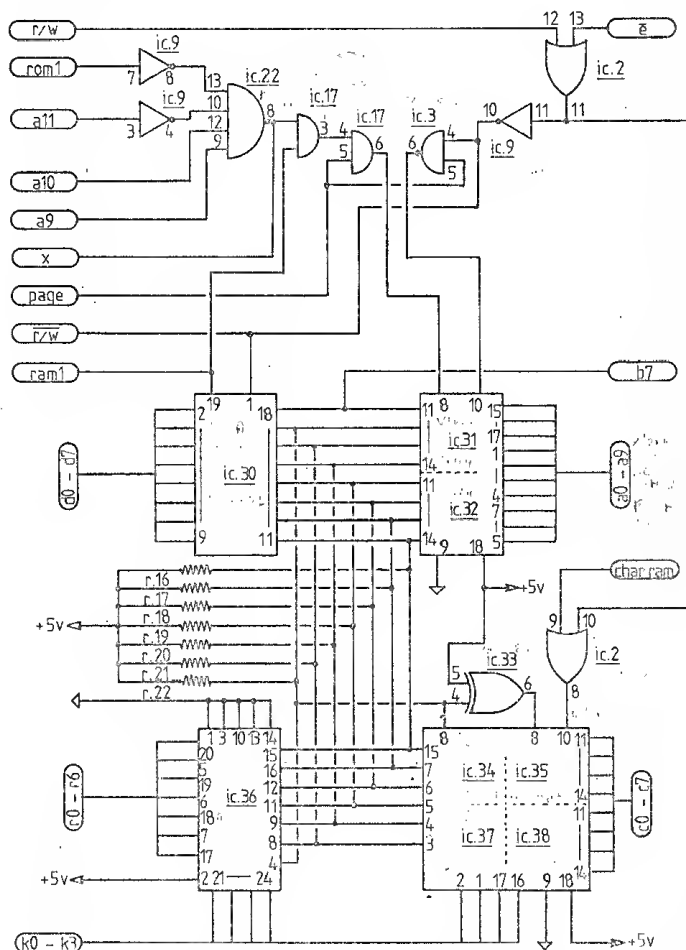
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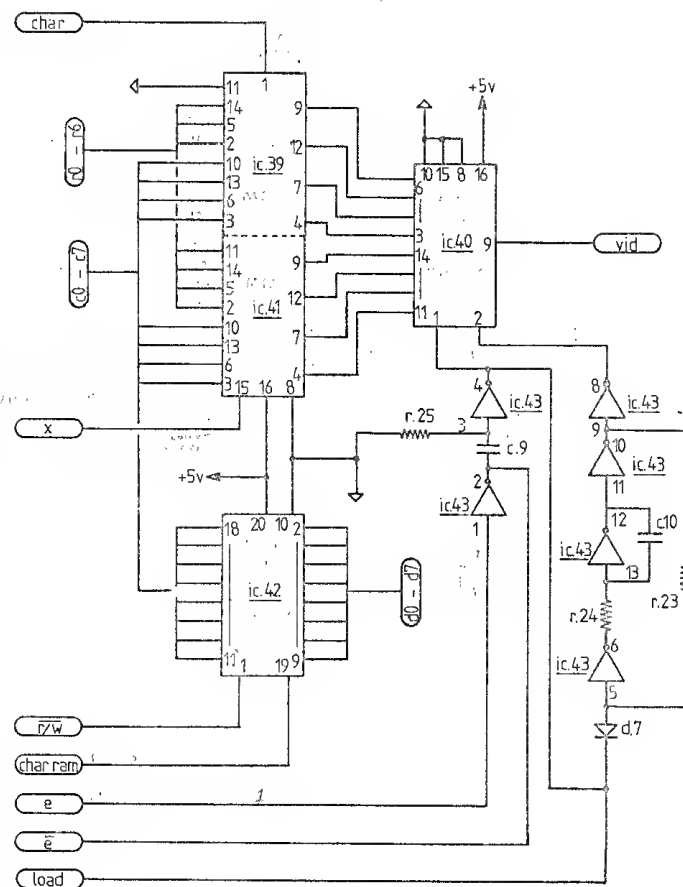
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